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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MICHAEL FORESTAL
THE WHITE HOUSE**

Following is a draft reply to USUN's 1503 which I believe we might consider first thing in the morning. I have also transmitted a copy of this draft to McMurtry.

*Telphoned
to Stevens 80
at 6:30
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12/6/62*

"We believe exchange of messages between Thant and Castro (USUN 1503) may offer interesting possibilities which should promptly be further explored. We interpret Castro's reply as accepting proposal contained in ultimate para of Thant's message subject to 'U.S. Government desists from threats and aggressive actions against Cuba including naval blockade.' U Thant can stand on behalf USG that:

"1. U.S. deliberately did not today retaliate against unwanted ground fire attacks against unarmed reconnaissance aircraft performing OSB mission, [including
in case of American pilot.]

"2. Such reconnaissance missions must
and will be continued until adequate inter-
national arrangements are in operation to
verify that construction and development
have been suspended and the weapons rendered
inoperable.

And associate material supplies and weapons "3. The CAS quarantine has not been directed against the Cuban economy but only shipments of those offensive military weapons with respect to which Castro indicates willingness to cease construction and development and which in their view is threat

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Soviets agreed not to send. Thus there
is in fact no 'blockade' in the sense used
by Castro. Quarantine [will in fact only] must continue
to verify such shipments not being
made."

/s/ U. Alexis Johnson

(per Col. signature)

U. Alexis Johnson

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